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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert W. Droege  
Serial No.: 09/683,376  
Filed: December 19, 2001  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
OPERATING A SYSTEM

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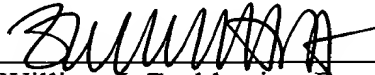
2. Applicant  
☐ claims small entity status.  
☒ is other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 430.00	\$ 215.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 980.00	\$ 490.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,530.00	\$ 765.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$2,080.00	\$1,040.00
	Fee Due	\$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.  
(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$44 = \$		x \$88 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$150 = \$		+ \$300 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

- (b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE PAYMENT**

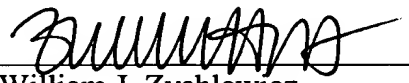
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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**FEE DEFICIENCY**

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. ☐ Other:

  
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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2004, and made final, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: